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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Correspondence Objecting to Margaret
Randell's Efforts to Obtain Permanent
Residence Status in the United States

Don Davis has written the President to urge him to oppose Margaret Randell's efforts to regain U.S. citizenship. Randell, described by Davis as a prominent leftist, gave up her citizenship years ago, and controversy has developed over her efforts to regain it. The dispute was recently featured on Nightline.

I think the White House should stay out of this quasi-judicial dispute, pending before INS, involving a particular individual. We should send the letter to Justice, for whatever action Justice wishes to take, and advise Davis we have done so.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1986

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter to the President of January 3. In that letter you expressed your opposition to Margaret Randell's efforts to obtain permanent resident status in the United States.

The questions you raise fall within the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) of the Department of Justice. In order to preserve public confidence in the impartial administration of our laws, the White House does not interfere in the resolution of particular matters pending before agencies such as the INS. I know you will appreciate the reasons we adhere to this policy.

I have, however, taken the liberty of referring your correspondence to the Department of Justice, for whatever review that Department considers appropriate.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by RAH

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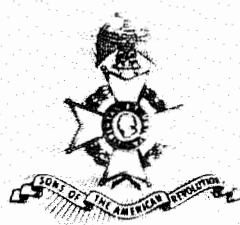
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DON DAVIS, SAR

National No. 99721,
Miss. Society No. 672

03 January 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Chavez Dear Mr. President:

After viewing last night's ABC Television Network's program, NIGHTLINE, I decided I must write to you about the subject of that program.

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With Best Wishes,

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 07, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DON DAVIS

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO MARGARET RANDELL'S EFFORTS TO
OBTAIN PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS IN THE
UNITED STATES

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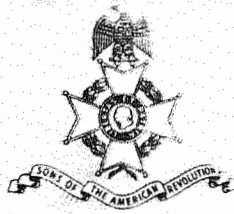
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WASHINGTON

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SUBJECT: Request for the President to be Part of
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Anne Higgins has asked for guidance in handling a request from the Alabama "A" Club for a message from the President to be included in a book honoring Bear Bryant. The book would be sold to raise funds for a foundation that assists former players and their families in time of need. The letter is dated October 1985, but Higgins only recently referred it to us for review. In her referral, she recognized that the fundraising aspect precluded Presidential participation, but asked if the requester could be made aware that he could use the many public domain comments by the President about Bryant.

I have no problem with Higgins's suggestion. The attached memorandum for her for your signature agrees that she may tell the requester he is free to include quotations from the President in his book, so long as he does not suggest that the President endorses the book.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1986

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

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Thank you for raising this matter with us.

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Name of Correspondent: Jimmy Brooker

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Request President to be part of a book honoring Paul W. "Bear" Bryant

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~~Ames~~ - Fred Fielding

May be too late, but do you think Counsel could handle this? We can't help them because of the fund-raising, but RR has said and done so many things on the public record (see attached) re Bear Bryant, that this Club could be told it's in the public domain and they can use all or part of it so long as they merely "quote" and don't suggest that RR or the White House in any way endorses their publication or fund-raising activities.

I think that ^{would} please them and not violate White House policy.

*The Alabama "A" Club
Educational and Charitable Foundation
P. O. Drawer 1961 Ala.
Juscaloosa, Alabama 35403-1961*

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CHARLES A. STAKELY
ALABAMA "A" CLUB ALUMNI, PRESIDENT
ALABAMA LETTERMAN CLUB PRESIDENT

October 1985

Re: Coach Bryant's Football Family

Dear Mr. President

We, The Alabama "A" Club Educational and Charitable Foundation, are in the process of compiling a book of remembrances honoring the late Paul W. "Bear" Bryant. We would be highly gratified if you would choose to be a part of this unique sports book.

Coach Bryant was an admirer of yours and we feel certain that his memory would be well served by having a few paragraphs of yours (perhaps with a photo) concerning any points you would like to make about Coach Bryant, his football record, a funny story, serious or humorous, and the like.

We are marketing our book "COACH BRYANT'S FOOTBALL FAMILY" to the friends, associates, and former players of Coach Bryant's. We have invited these former players, coaches, managers, and trainers and others to do essentially what we would hope you would do, write approximately 250 words about the "Bear" from their memories. We have had an overwhelming response to this request and expect this book to be one of the most memorable sports publications ever produced.

All profits go to the Foundation, which was founded at Coach Bryant's request, to help former players and their families in times of need.

For your participation, we will provide you with a complimentary copy of our book. We hope that you will take a few minutes and share with us your feelings, memories, or anecdotes regarding Coach Bryant.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to hearing from you personally. Please respond by November 15, 1985 if at all possible.

Sincerely,

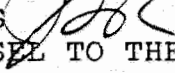
Tommy Brooker
Tommy Brooker
President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Prayer

I orally advised Tom Gibson's office that it should not draft a "favorite prayer" for the President in response to the attached request. Such a project struck me as very suspect in light of the constitutional separation of church and state, and likely to generate protests about misuse of Government funds for religious purposes.


I advised Gibson's office that I had no objection to sending or identifying for Paige the President's favorite Bible verse, if he has one. The Bible is, of course, in the public domain, so no copyright questions would be raised by this course of action.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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SUBJECT: Request for Ms. Board to be Goodwill
Ambassador and Deliver Proclamation to
President of France

I orally advised Caroline Heinz of Ms. Board's office that reasonable travel expenses could be paid by the National Independence Day Parade and Festival, since it was a 501(c)(3) organization. I specified that before such travel is accepted, the recipient should re-check with the organizations to ensure that there has been no change in its status. I further advised that whoever accepts the invitation in Ms. Board's stead must not be in a conflict-of-interest position with respect to the organization; i.e., the individual must not be responsible for dealing with the organization or handling its requests directed to the White House.

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MI Mail Report

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Subject: Request for Ms. Baird to be Good-
will Ambassador & deliver proclamation
to President of France (she does not
wish to accept invitation)

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FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT:  *blb*

Attached is the correspondence to Public Liaison that we discussed. The writer alleges that a White House contact in the Czechoslovak community may still have ties to the current Czechoslovak communist regime. Public Liaison is interested in any way that the Bureau or Secret Service could be enlisted to check on the allegations.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 1/14/86

TO: JOHN ROBERTS, OGC

FROM: LINAS KOJELIS
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
Room 196 OEOB, Ext. 6573

The attached is for your:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT:

Estate and Gift Tax Treaty Regarding
Estate of Lady Alice Sherfield

As instructed by Mr. Fielding, I telephoned Mr. Martin and noted our understanding that he had contacted Treasury directly and that the appropriate officials there were reviewing the case. He seemed satisfied that his concerns were being appropriately addressed.

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Name of Correspondent: William McCreaney Martin, Jr.

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Subject: Estate and Gift Tax Return re: estate of Lady Alice Sherfield

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1986

Dear Dr. Sundaram:

Thank you for your letter to the President, recommending that the President support a change in the term of members of the House of Representatives from the current two-year term to a four-year term. In your letter you suggested that the longer term would permit representatives to devote greater attention to their legislative duties, with less possibility of distraction by the demands of a reelection campaign. You also pointed out that the longer term would increase the chances for a President to obtain support for needed policies and programs.

As you are aware, the term of members of the House of Representatives is set in the Constitution. Article I, Section 2, Clause 1 provides that members shall be "chosen every second Year by the People of the several States." A constitutional amendment would therefore be necessary to accomplish the change to a four-year term. The President has no formal role in the constitutional amendment process, see Article V, although Presidents often take positions on particular proposals for amending the Constitution.

Please be assured that your views will be given every appropriate consideration. We appreciate your taking the time to share your proposal, and the concerns underlying it, with us.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Venkat R. Sundaram, M.D., P.A.
272 Sabattus Street
Lewiston, ME 04240

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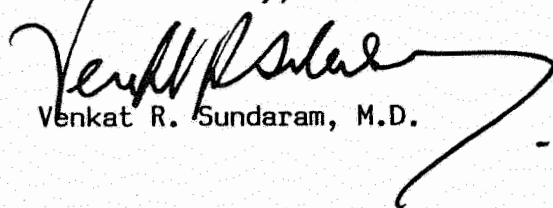
President Ronald Regan
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am a practicing physician in the State of Maine and have been in this country since 1963, at which time, I had come to New York. In 1979, I became a citizen of the country. Even before then, I had been very interested in the political system and the events that have transpired in the country, the role it has played in world politics and world events. In another year, I will have spent as long in this country as I had in my native land of India. I am writing this letter to you since I feel that there needs to be a very fundamental change in the legislative base that determines the course of events of the country. As the President of the country, there are times when you need to make very hard decisions. These decisions can only be made from a strong congressional base. At the time that the constitution of this country was drafted, life was far simpler compared to the here and now. Legal matters were far more straight forward and a great deal was accomplished by the eloquence and the foresight of our forefathers. Furthermore, the number of states and the number of legislators were also far less than what is in existence at this time. I am in particular, referring to the Congress of the United States of America. With 50 states and being represented by some 400 legislators, it represents a large group of people of diverse interests, backgrounds and aspirations. The present term of office of two years might have been more than adequate at the time of inception of the country, however, at this time, time has shrunken in its value and duration it seems. Even before a person is elected to office and has learned the legislative know-how, it seems like it is time to start thinking about re-elected again. It leaves the newly elected freshman congressperson very little time to dedicate his entire energies to the legislative process with all the best intentions in the world. He needs to be sensitive to the needs of his constituency, the needs of the party and the needs of the country. By having to run for office every 2 years, often times, decisions are made based upon re-election probabilities and at times, may color the outcome of important legislation. I feel very strongly that as the President of the country, you could take a lead in rectifying this matter by initiating the process by which the term of office of the members of the Congress could be extended from two years to four years. This allows you, as President, to have a much stronger congressional base where the members would be more able to dedicate the time and effort in examining the various pieces of legislation that needs to be enacted and make the necessary hard decisions that need to be made that would not be tainted by party loyalties and the national interest could play its role.

You are, at this time, faced with dire economic crises. There are great stakes at issue with regards to the world peace and often times, your effectiveness is curtailed by the inability of the Congress to take those necessary hard actions and positions and Mr. President, I feel very strongly that your effectiveness in putting this country back as the most powerful nation with the greatest resources, would best be served if you could insure a more stable and more consistent congressional body. A 4-year term would then afford the members the opportunity to vote in accordance with the best interests of the country. There would be enough time for you, as the President, to insure that the needed actions are taken and you get the necessary support that often times is not forthcoming primarily because of impending elections. The Senate term of six years, appears to give each senator a far greater flexibility in the positions they could take upon various bills. It is time that the congress was given an equal strength of purpose. I do not know exactly what action would have to be taken by you, Mr. President, to make this a reality; but, I feel that the country is in need of having a variety of strong, often times, controversial and many legislative actions that could be unpopular with the people in the short haul but, it must be remembered that freedom and greatness often times demands a harsh price. By giving the Congress a 4-year term, it would make it easier for them to face these issues more squarely and more courageously and I feel that the country would run much smoother. Our role in foreign affairs would be seen as being more stable and we would not present what is often perceived as a wishy-washy position. Mr. President, I present this suggestion to you. I am sure it is not a new one and perhaps others have raised this in the past but I feel that the time has come and that you would be the most appropriate person to set in motion for such a change to occur. It is my considered opinion that the time is right for such a change to occur.

Yours sincerely,



Handwritten signature of Venkat R. Sundaram in cursive script.

Venkat R. Sundaram, M.D.

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